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SUBJECT: SECURITY COMPROMISE

REF: CARACAS 9979

1. CARACAS 9979 ON THE SUBJECT MAJOR PROJECT: RAILROAD
WAS TRANSMITTED 8/18/76 CLASSIFIED LOU. PARA FIVE OF
THIS MESSAGE MENTIONED AN OPINION EXPRESSED BY ERIC
NATHAN, A VENEZUELAN NATIONAL WHO IS A SALARIED AGENT
OF MK HIRED TO REPRESENT THE US CONSORTIUM SEEKING
THE RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT IN VENEZUELA.
MENTION WAS MADE OF ANOTHER BUSINESSMAN'S TIE WITH
THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS, GIVING RISE TO THE
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION.

2. THIS MESSAGE WAS APPARENTLY TRANSMITTED TO
DR. N.A. BITTENBINDER, VICE PRESIDENT OF PULLMAN-
SWINDELL WHO IN TURN PASSED IT TO MR. FRANK H. PEAVEY,
VICE PRESIDENT, LATIN AMERICA OF MORRISON-KNUDSEN CO., INC.
THE LATTER EXECUTIVE HAND CARRIED THE MESSAGE TO
VENEZUELA AND SHOWED IT TO NATHAN WHO HAS PROTESTED
TO THE EMBASSY THIS BREACH IN CONFIDENTIALITY.

3. ACCORDING TO PEAVY THE COPY HE HAD RECEIVED WAS
OVER-MARKED "CONFIDENTIAL" AND BORE THE HANDWRITTEN
NOTATION "SMITH TR/MEPD" AS WELL AS THE ORIGINAL LOU
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CLASSIFICATION.

4. NATHAN'S FUTURE CONCERN IS THAT DR. BITTENBINDER,
WHOSE COMPANY HAS A SEPARATE WORKING RELATIONSHIP
WITH ONE OF NATHAN'S COMPANY'S COMPETITORS, WILL
ALSO BRING THIS TELEGRAM TO VENEZUELA AND SHOW IT
AROUND. THE REPERCUSSION COULD ALSO INEVITABLY
INVOLVE THE EMBASSY AS THE SOURCE OF THE REPORT.

5. ACTION REQUEST: DEPARTMENT OF STATE IS REQUESTED
TO EITHER RETRIEVE THE COPY IN THE POSSESSION OF
DR. BITTENBINDER (HIS TELEPHONE: 412-562-7035) OR
ASK HIM TO DESTROY IT AND TO ADMONISH MEPD TO REFRAIN
FROM TRANSMITTING CLASSIFIED MESSAGES TO THE AMERICAN
BUSINESS COMMUNITY.

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